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1. VIETNAMESE FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH CAME TO THE  
EMBASSY AT 1100 MARCH 31 TO DELIVER THE SRV FOREIGN  
MINISTER, NGUYEN DUY TRINH'S, LETTER OF MARCH 29 IN  
REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S MARCH 24 LETTER. THE  
VIETNAMESE EMBASSY'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION IS QUOTED IN  
PARA 2. THE VIETNAMESE ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO  
EA/VLC.

2. QUOTE: TRANSLATION

HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR  
LETTER DATED MARCH 24, 1977.

AS FOR THE COMING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES IN  
PARIS, AS WE STATED DURING THE LAST TALKS IN HANOI, WE  
THINK THAT THEY MUST BE AT THE LEVEL OF AN AMBASSADOR

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SPECIALLY APPOINTED FOR THAT MISSION, OR AT A HIGHER  
LEVEL. AS FOR THE DATE, THE FAVOURABLE PERIOD IS THE  
END OF APRIL - THE BEGINNING OF MAY 1977 TO START THESE  
NEGOTIATIONS.

WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF  
THE DELEGATION, THE DATE AND THE PREPARATIONS NECESSARY

TO THE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED BY THE  
EMBASSIES OF THE TWO PARTIES IN PARIS.

WE REAFFIRM THE SERIOUS ATTITUDE AND THE GOODWILL  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND WE HOPE THAT  
WITH THE COMPREHENSION AND THE ATTITUDE OF GOODWILL OF  
THE TWO PARTIES, THESE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

PLEASE ACCEPT, HIS EXCELLENCY, MY BEST REGARDS  
AND WISHES.

HANOI, MARCH 29, 1977

NGUTEN DUY TRINH  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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VIET NAM

HIS EXCELLENCY CYRUS VANCE  
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON D.C. UNQUOTE.

3. DO THANH NOTED THAT THE END OF APRIL, THE SRV PRIME  
MINISTER WOULD BE VISITING PARIS; HIS OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
APRIL 25-28 WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ABOUT A 5-DAY INFORMAL  
VISIT. HE NOTED THAT THEIR EMBASSY FACILITIES,  
PERSONNEL AS WELL AS SPACE, WOULD PROBABLY BE A BIT  
TAXED IF THE BEGINNING OF THE TALKS COINCIDED WITH THE

VISIT. HE NOTED SPECIFICALLY, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS ONLY THE EMBASSY'S PERSONAL VIEW OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN ANY DATE WHICH WE PROPOSE WITHIN THE SUGGESTED PERIOD OF END OF APRIL - BEGINNING OF MAY. DO THANH SAID THEY HOPED TO CONTINUE TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES OF THE TALKS THROUGH OUR LIAISON CONTACTS. HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN RESOLVING THESE QUESTIONS, BUT NOTED THAT WITH THE CHANGE IN LEVEL OF NEGOTIATORS, THERE WOULD NO DOUBT BE CHANGES IN SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS LOCALE FOR THE TALKS, LANGUAGES TO BE USED (INCLUDING AN AMERICAN INTERPRETER), AND PRESS  
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HANDLING. HANOI HAS GIVEN THEM NO SPECIFIC IDEAS ON THESE MATTERS YET, BUT HE EXPECTED THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THEM AS SOON AS THE NAMES OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATORS WERE DECIDED ON.  
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